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Miss Curtis

Letter to - who was returned

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Friday - May 11 - 1900.

Dear Miss Charles;

I cannot

more clearly explain my position
than by repeating what I said
to Miss Manning immediately after
your novel address to me the way
you have referred to - I said - Her
(your) powers of misapprehension
are so colossal that I am afraid
of her. Intercourse with such
is a danger. You never know
what curious misconstructions may
be put upon your slightest
a most unassuming speech or act.

It is best to leave intercourse &
at once. ~~Such~~

Such was & is my feeling.
I own that my way of expressing
it is clumsy & certainly beneath me,
or beneath my aspirations. But
the experience is a cruel one & if
I deal with it as a novice I
trust you will excuse me.

Mr Manning tells me that you
still persist in your delusion -
& since the shock of amazement
red - from your style of addressing
me that wing, I have no room
for further surprise. If for
your own sake you care for the
truth in this matter you might

come to it - perhaps by applying
a little common sense to the situation -
If I had really cared (been "offended")
if in short it had been a friend
known & trusted who passed (several
times you said) without greeting
the last thing I should have
thought of doing has been to hail
him volubly with mock reproach.
I should have simply let her
pass in pained silence.

I hope not
to wound your feelings in any chance
re-encounter in the future - please understand
that I harbor no malice - ~~I don't~~
seek only to order my course so
to steer as clear as may be ~~from~~^{of} trivial
complications -

Yours truly
Anne Whitney